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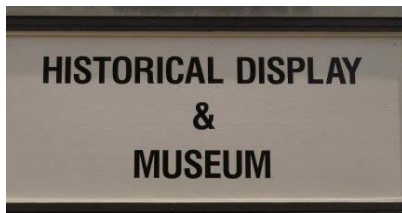
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Fair Memories – Memorialized Within Museum

Museum Located at North End of Grandstand

The current museum located in the north end of the Grandstand is a work in progress as a means of memorializing precious memories of fair-goers. The artifacts and articles within the current museum embody the experiences shared by millions of Illinois citizens.



One project of the Illinois State Fair Museum

Foundation is to build a museum on the historic State fairgrounds. Placing our priceless pieces of history in a climate-controlled environment will enable us to preserve the past for many generations to come.

Our current efforts to achieve this goal include: water sales during the Illinois State Fair, donations, and a limited special edition photo series by Terry Farmer photography. Support of the Foundation will help renovate the Fairgrounds to provide a place for memories to be made by millions of Illinoisans.

If you have items you would like to donate you can contact us at: P.O. Box 8718 Springfield, IL 62791 217-415-4408, or email: at info@statefairmuseum.org

The MISSION of the Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation is: to promote an awareness and understanding of the history of the Illinois State Fair as it relates to its role in the history of Illinois and the United States, while serving to improve the historic Illinois State Fair buildings & grounds as well as support State Fair agricultural, scientific and educational programs. We are aggressively seeking funds toward the goal of building a museum on the Illinois State Fair Grounds to educate and preserve the rich history of the Illinois State Fair.

**Get Ready, Get Set,
GO!!
Abe's Amble August
17, 2008**

Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation Board members are excited about teaming up with the organizers of "Abe's Amble". This 10K run is held on the last day of the State Fair. This year, the proceeds from Abe's Amble will be contributed to the Foundation. Abe's Amble will be held on August 17th, 2008.

Abe's Amble features a unique, challenging 10k course that starts/finishes on the Illinois State Fairgrounds and runs through Springfield's scenic North End, Lincoln Park, and Oak Ridge Cemetery. Runners will pass Abraham Lincoln's tomb, as well as the State of Illinois memorials to the Vietnam War, Korean War, and World War II.

Abe's Amble is a series race for the Springfield Road Runners Club, Illinois Valley Striders, and Decatur Running Club.

*Link to View the Route at:
www.statefairmuseum.org*



Visit Us on the Web

The Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation has a great new website: www.statefairmuseum.org.



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Visit us and get updated information about Foundation activities. You can email us photos or stories or just get information about our history, sign up to volunteer, make a donation or download newsletters. The Foundation website is updated regularly and always changing, so check it out....

Be a Foundation Volunteer!

Join the Illinois State Fair team as a 2008 volunteer!

The Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation is looking for volunteers to sell merchandise and bottled water at various sites during the Illinois State Fair. Volunteers are scheduled in five hour shifts and can request to work multiple shifts.

As a thank you, volunteers are provided with a gate admission ticket and parking permit for the day(s) that he or she is working. Each volunteer also will receive one complimentary t-shirt.

When determining the 2008 schedule, the Foundation will select volunteers on the following criteria:

Volunteers must be age 16 years of age. Preference is given to those who can work several shifts. Past volunteers are given first priority, then by date application was received.

StoreFront in Museum

As we move closer to the 2008 Illinois State Fair, work begins on a permanent storefront inside the Museum at the north end of the Grandstand. This project will be a 16 X 32 structure located in the Museum. Local artists will paint murals on the eight foot tall walls to highlight exciting fair history. Stop by and check out the progress during the 2008 Illinois State Fair.

Joel Satterfield has been instrumental in securing the donation of a \$60,000.00 display unit for the Museum. Joel worked with the donor and a local moving company to transfer the display to the Museum. Thanks Joel and Jim Winch for your hard work.

Terry Farmer Photography Teaming With The Foundation

The Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation has teamed up with Terry Farmer Photography to print limited edition professional photographs. Terry Farmer and his family loves the Illinois State Fair and has offered support for the challenge the Foundation faces. The Foundation will benefit from the proceeds of the photographs. Terry Farmer's extreme talent will be an invaluable source of fund-raising and promotion for our cause, and his work is much appreciated.

We are also offering a limited number of signed copies. Each year for the next **five** years a different major building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds will be featured. To reserve your copy call 217-415-4408.

SEEDS OF SUCCESS

Donations continue to come in throughout the year. Once a year in our newsletter we will list supporters who have given at least \$25.00. We extend our appreciation to those who contribute to the Foundation. Each dollar donated to the Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation has factored into our success. If you prefer for your name to be listed in a different way or prefer anonymity, we welcome those requests. If your name is omitted, please accept our apologies, and we ask that you bring the error to our attention by calling (217) 415-4408 or by email to: info@statefairmuseum.org.

**Thank you for your continued
dedication to your Illinois State Fair.**

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Mailbox



“Great times at the Illinois State Fair for many years. My friends and I come to Springfield for the week-end and enjoy going to the fair. We have been coming to the fair as a group for several years now and we always have a memorable time”

Charles Brockman, Peoria, Illinois

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Donor Profile

Cullers

Forrest & Dora Cullers of Cullers French Fries have supported the Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation from the beginning and we thank them for their generosity!

We thought you might like to know a little bit about their business and what makes it such a success... and a long..... tradition at the Illinois State Fair!

Forrest Cullers is 82 years young and has served in WWII and the Korean War. He and his wife Dora have 6 children who are all grown and on their own. He was born and raised in Iowa and is a true country boy with grass roots being raised on a farm. He told me that he loves being at the fairs and seeing all the friendly people.

How many years have you been coming to the Illinois State Fair?
63 years this year!

What makes your French fries so unique and popular?

I use only the finest ingredients.... good Idaho potatoes, the best shortening around, the equipment used is top notch to make the finest product.

Favorite Memory of the Illinois State Fair

The Illinois State Fair has been so good to me and my businesses over the years. I have loved the people I have met along the way.... so many fine people! I have especially enjoyed working with Marilyn Raney who retired this year in Space Rental. I remember when the carnival and kiddie rides used to be behind one of our stands. I am trying to give back to the fair because it has been good to me.

We hope you will get a chance to visit one of the Culler's French Fry booths at the fair! If so.... thank them for their delicious fries, support of the fair and especially the Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation!

As I closed the interview with Forrest I asked him if the high gas prices were causing him to change anything this year.... he said absolutely not..... he wasn't going to change anything with his prices or quality... he's just going to continue to serve the same great French fries for all of the fair goers to enjoy!

Interview by Suzanne Moss, Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation Board Member

Thank you, Cullers for your scrumptious support!